

## Search Experiences at the SR530 Landslide

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FEMA Type I US&R

#### SR 530 Landslide

- Saturday, March 22, 2014
- 1037 hrs
- Striking Steelhead Drive & East Steelhead Drive within seconds
- Striking vehicles on SR530 in approximately 1 minute
- Extending nearly 800 acres
- 43 fatalities
- ~50 structures destroyed

### SR 530 Landslide



#### Before the Slide



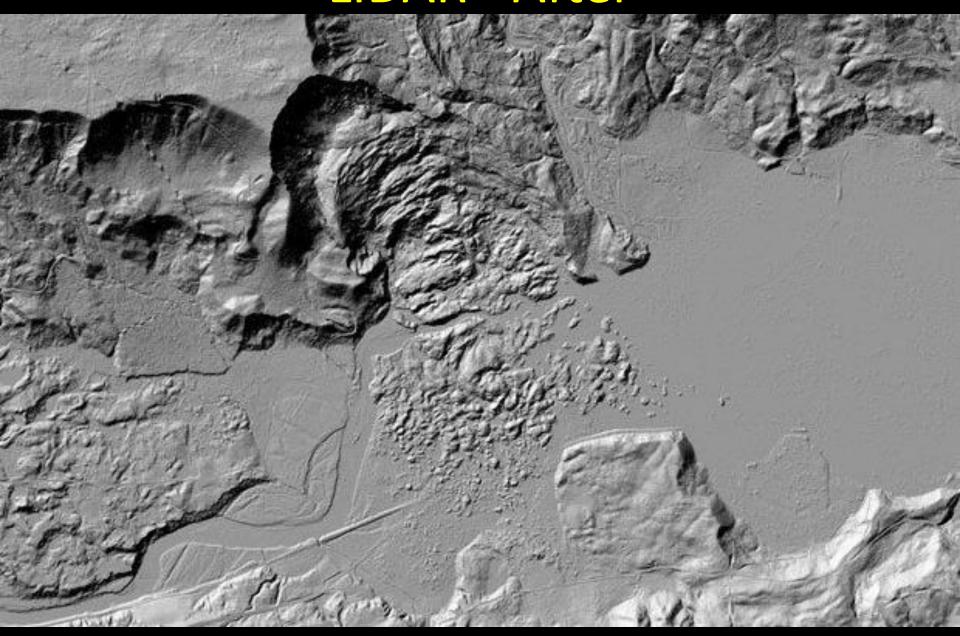
#### After the Slide



### LIDAR - Before



#### LIDAR - After



#### Search Conditions

#### **Search Conditions**



Former Locations of Steelhead Drive & East Steelhead Drive













### Search Area 6, 7





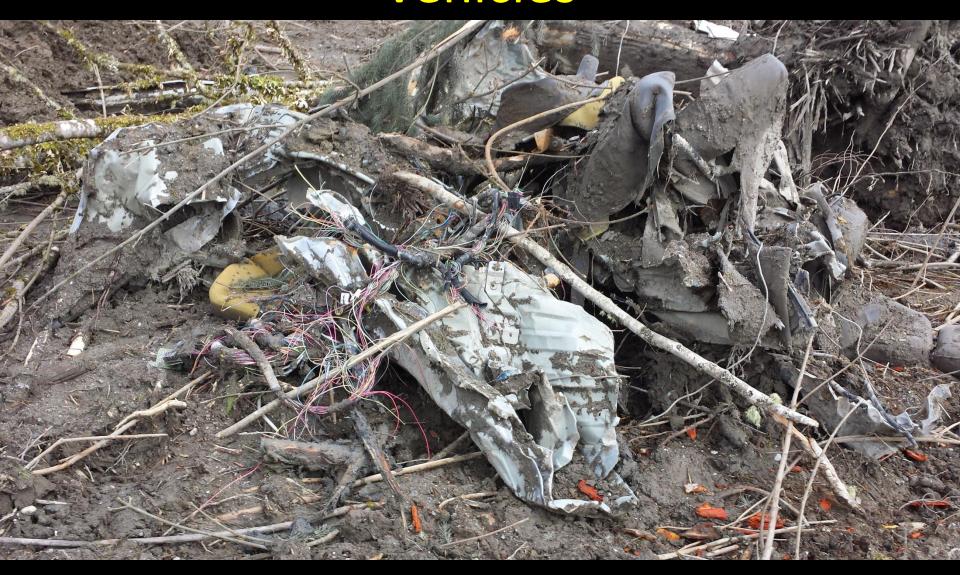








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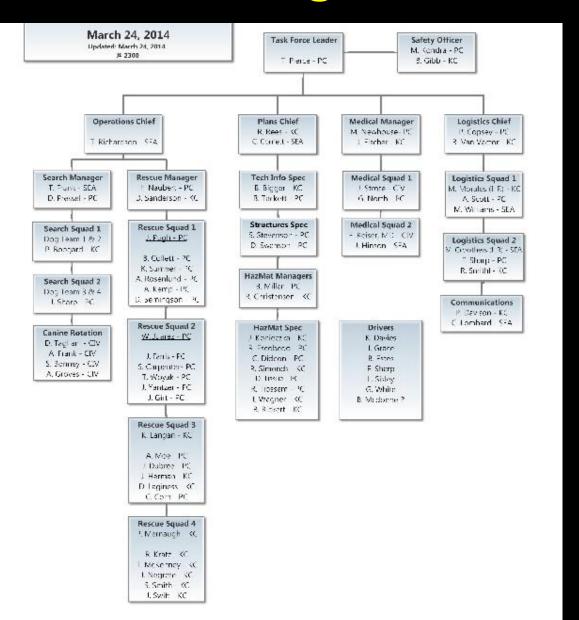


### Vehicles



#### **US&R Organization**

#### WA-TF1 Organization



#### WA-TF1



### Deployment/Response

#### Deployment – On the Radar

From: Richardson, Thomas

Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2014 10:29 PM

To: Mike McCaffree; Larsen, Mark

Subject: Possible Call Out?

Mike - have you heard anything about a potential call out to this landslide? We have tools that may be of use...

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Thomas J. Richardson
Battalion Chief, 4th Battalion C-Platoon
WA-TF1 US&R Task Force Leader
Seattle Fire Department

#### Deployment - Sunday No Request Yet

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Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2014 11:28 AM

To: Chris Flores

Cc: Tom Thorson; Cynthia Fajardo; Timothy S. Pierce (tpierce@centralpiercefire.org); Richardson, Thomas; Larsen, Mark

Subject: Re: Oso, Snohomish County

Hello everyone,

There are currently no requests for assistance from Snohomish County DEM through the State EOC to Pierce County DEM or directly to Pierce County DEM from Snohomish County DEM. We have provided a generic offer of assistance to Snohomish County DEM, but they have not requested any assistance from us.

As a reminder, WA-TF1 can only be activated following receipt and acceptance of a FEMA Activation Order. There is currently no agreement in place for WA-TF1 to be used as a State Resource. Any local request for US&R assistance from PC DEM would be handled as mutual aid between the various agencies As happened during the Roy silo collapse, if there is a request for US&R expertise or resources, Pierce County DEM US&R Division can act as the middleman to identify available resources or expertise and connect the two agencies to work out an agreement to provide support under mutual aid. So far, Snohomish County has not requested Pierce County to provide any US&R expertise or resources.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please let me know.

Mike McCaffree

Program Manager WA-TF1 & Operations Manager

#### Deployment – Fire Mobilization

#### HOUSE BILL REPORT HB 1126

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

#### As Reported by House Committee On:

Public Safety

Title: An act relating to state fire service mobilization.

Brief Description: Concerning state fire service mobilization.

Sponsors: Representatives Goodman, Klippert, Hurst, Van De Wege, Warnick, Ryu and Smith.

#### **Brief History:**

#### **Committee Activity:**

Public Safety: 1/24/13, 1/30/13 [DPS], 1/24/14 [DP2S].

#### **Brief Summary of Second Substitute Bill**

- Redefines and expands the definition and role of fire mobilizations to include mobilizing for fire as well as certain non-fire incidents and rescues.
- Provides that non-host fire protection authorities are eligible for reimbursement of expenses incurred in providing all risk resources for mobilization.

#### Deployment

#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered by and between Washington State Military Department, hereafter referred to as "Requesting Agency" and Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, a department of Pierce County and the Sponsoring Agency for Washington Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1, hereafter referred to as the "Task Force".

WHEREAS, the Requesting Agency is supporting Snohomish County who has experienced a devastating catastrophic event requiring immediate rescue and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force operates personnel and equipment which is specifically trained and designed for emergency response and recovery.

BILLING AND PAYMENT: This is an emergency response and recovery agreement. The Task Force will maintain a detailed record of all costs associated with the response and recovery efforts to include mobilization(s), deployment(s), demobilization(s), operational and logistical support not otherwise covered, repair and/or replacement of dumaged or destroyed equipment, equipment rehabilitation, and critical incident stress management. The Requesting Agency shall promptly reimburse the Task Force for all related costs as listed above. The compensation of Participants on the Task Force shall be in accordance with pay schedules and policies of their home agency.

TRANSFER/ASSIGNMENT: Neither party shall have the right to transfer or assign, in whole or part, any or all of its obligations and rights herunder without the prior written consent of the other party. When executed, this agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors in interest.

TERM OF AGREEMENT: The effective date of the agreement is April 2, 2014, 12:00:01AM - December 31, 2014 17:59:59PM. If either party desires to terminate the relationship created by this agreement, then they must provide not less than ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS: The Task Force agrees to release and hold harmless the Requesting Jurisdiction from any and all injuries, illness or losses which an individual may suffer as a result of serving in the above capacity.

COMMAND, CONTROL AND COORDINATION: The Task Force shall exercise direct supervisory authority over Participants during mobilizations, deployments, demobilizations, and other activities of the Task Force, but for disciplinary purposes, that authority is limited to temporary suspension from participation. In all other instances where disciplinary action may be necessary, the Task Force shall report the pertinent circumstances to Home Agency, which shall administer discipline as appropriate in accordance with the Home Agency's established rules and regulations.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:		APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Signature	Date	Signature	Date
Task Force Signature LOWELL PORTER	U-1-14 Date	Washington State Military Dept. Signature DAN SWISHER, CHIEF FINANCIAL	U-Dat

- First Deployment by WA-TF1 as a state resource (not federalized)
- Agreements signed by participating agencies on 3/24/14
- Signed by State on 4/2/14

#### Intelligence 3-24

#### Mudslide - Washington State

#### March 22, 2014

- Large mudslide occurred near town of Oso (pop. 180) in Snohomish County, between the towns of Arlington (pop. 18k) and Darrington (pop. 1k)
- North Fork of the Stillaguamish River & State Road 530 blocked by debris; may lead to localized flooding but significant flash floeding not expected

#### Impacts

- Estimated 16 homes destroyed; damage assessments still ongoing
- 4 confirmed fatalities; 8 injuries; 18 unaccounted for
- Slide movement continues, hindering ground search & rescue
- Mandatory evacuations lifted on March 23; voluntary evacuations remain
- 2 shelters open with 2/ occupants (ARC, 4:30 a.m. EDT Mar 24)
- Mudslide covers one mile of Highway 350; closed from MP 34 to MP 42

#### State/Local Response

- Lt Governor declared a State of Emergency on March 22
- WA State EOC fully activated; Snohomish County activated

#### Federal Response

- Federal Mutual Aid: Two USACE Geotechnical Engineers and Navy EMS deployed
- FEMA Region X remains at Watch/Steady State;
  - State/Tribal LNO deployed to WA EOC on March 23
- No requests for FEMA assistance





## WA-TF1 Deployed Monday Evening 3/24/14

- On road within 4 hrs of request for assistance (2.5 days after slide)
- At Base Camp location within 4 hrs of departure
- Working prior to 0900 3/25/14 (~3 days after slide)

 We need to look at expediting size-up and resource request process

#### Intelligence 3-26



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Homeland Security, ou=FEMA, ou=People,

FOR: National Urban Search & Rescue Response System

Task Force Representatives / Incident Support Team Members

FROM: Dean Scott, Section Chief

Operations Section

Urban Search & Rescue Branch

DATE: March 26, 2014

RE: Washington Landslide – ESF #9 Advisory #3

Situation: Information contained in this ESF #9 Advisory is as of 1700 EDT, 3/26/2014

On March 22, 2014 at 1:45 p.m. EDT, a large mudslide occurred 17 miles east of Arlington, WA near Oso (pop. 180), in Snohomish County. Mud, debris, and scarring span 1.3 square miles, block State Route 530, damaged approximately 49 structures (primarily single family structures) and covered a large area to an estimated depth of 15 to 20 feet deep in places. Mandatory evacuations were issued, and there are a confirmed 18 people unaccounted with reports of numerous missing people.

Current Operations: The White IST is deployed and integrated with the FEMA Region X, Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC); IMAT, a local Type III IMT and the Authority Having Incidiation to support the Paging and the State of Washington Washington Tools Force Operation

# Incident Objectives & Initial Briefing

### Initial Briefing Verbal by AHJ

- Incident had been Branched due to complete isolation of East side by >2 hr drive around
- Best search area access was from East due to access opportunities from Power Line Road
- Incident Commanders directed Task Force to incorporate volunteers in all activities
- Briefings for next 2+ weeks handled by TF Members
- East Search planning entirely lead by US&R on East Side for duration
- IMT started formal briefings in East approx. 2 weeks in

### Initial Briefing – 3-25-14 After First Op



### **Incident Objectives 3-25**

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### Incident Objectives 4-23

#### INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Incident Name

SR530 Slide - #14-0995

DateApril 22, 2014

3. Time 1645

4. Operational Period

April 23, 2014 All Shifts

5. General Control Objectives for the Incident (include alternatives)

Provide for the safety and health of all deployed personnel.

Conduct search operations.

Maintain interoperable communications.

Continue operations with dignity and respect provided to recovered loved ones.

Provide updates for financial record keeping.

Document efforts in the search for victims.

Provide support to the JIC as requested.

# Incident Organization – Defining the Search

#### SR 530 Land Slide Search Plan

This plan is based on the definitions and search tactics outlined in the Catastrophic Search and Rescue Addendum to the National SAR Plan

#### Definitions

#### Reconnaissance

Recon is conducted in the early stages of a disaster to determine the scope and magnitude of the incident.

Air assets and local first responders did recon for The OSO mudslide in the first couple of hours of the landslide. Recon by ground was limited and difficult due to the soft nature of the mud and water and the hazards associated with this in the slide area.

#### Hasty search

A rapid search by water, ground and air to locate and rescue surface victims and those able to assist in their rescue

People located with hasty search are easily located visually and audibly and often can assist with their own rescue. Persons incapacitated, hidden by debris or entombed in debris will not be located during this phase of a search.

Hasty search on day 1 of the Oso landslide resulted in multiple live rescues and several recoveries. Searchers on foot, in boats and from the air were able to locate victims visually and audibly as they were calling for help.

#### Primary search

This is a visual and physical search of likely spots and areas of high probability. Persons who are lightly trapped or partly visible may be found. Searchers look in and around structures and make entry if there are any signs of victims. Search dogs are used to locate persons that are not visible by visual search inside structures or in debris piles. Use of search cameras and other available technology may be used to determine if additional search is needed in debris piles or to help confirm k-9 alerts.

These search efforts are ongoing as of day 5 of this event. Primary search includes grid and sweep search by ground and boat teams and area search by k-9 teams. Searchers are looking for any evidence of victims. Removal of debris and other obstructions is limited and done only when necessary to extricate a victim who has been confirmed.

Persons buried in debris may not be found with this level of search

#### Secondary Search

#### Low Density

A second search of areas where there are indications or a high probability that there are victims. High probability areas include debris piles where it is believed victims may exist, or where K-9 alerts have been confirmed by second K-9 alert and or

#### Areas of Responsibility

- Initially, WA-TF1 was directed report to, and work for the IMT East Division Supervisor
- IMT East Div. Sup
  - Handled Overall East Operations Supervision
  - Delegated search responsibility to the US&R TF
  - Handled Base Camp creation
  - Handled water search and Search Area 2 (Later Search Area 2 & 8)
  - Handled major road construction efforts in support of search operations
  - Handled dewatering, rerouting of streams
  - Handled material movement after TF Search had cleared it
  - Supported Search Operations with Sawyers for felling and bucking operations
  - Assisted with resolving conflicts between personnel
  - Handled berm construction

#### US&R TF

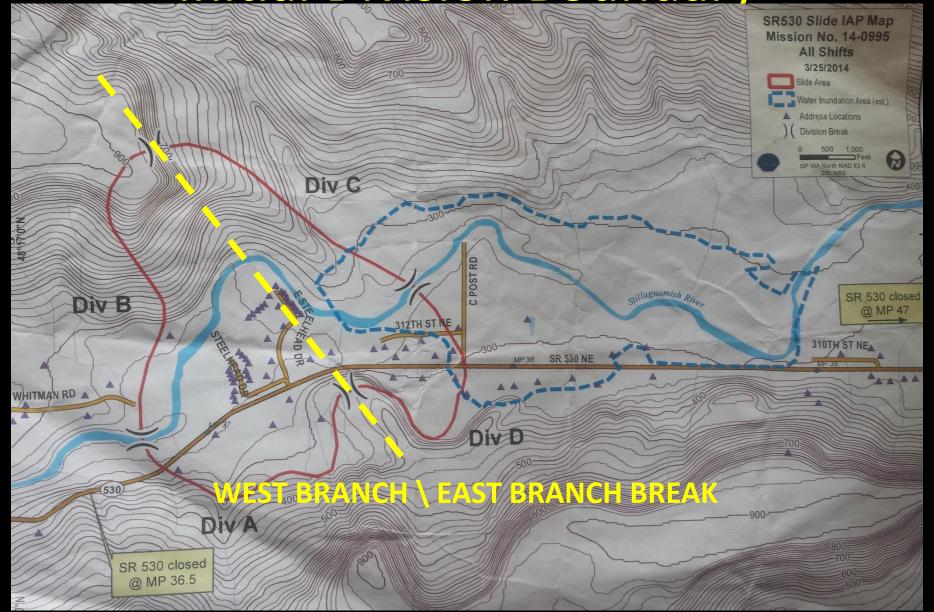
- Responsible for Search of East Branch Search Areas 1, 3, 4, 5 plus assisted
   West Branch Search at various times
- Supported Search Efforts of local volunteers, friends & family
- Directed/supported Search Efforts by Heavy Equipment Operators

# Planning

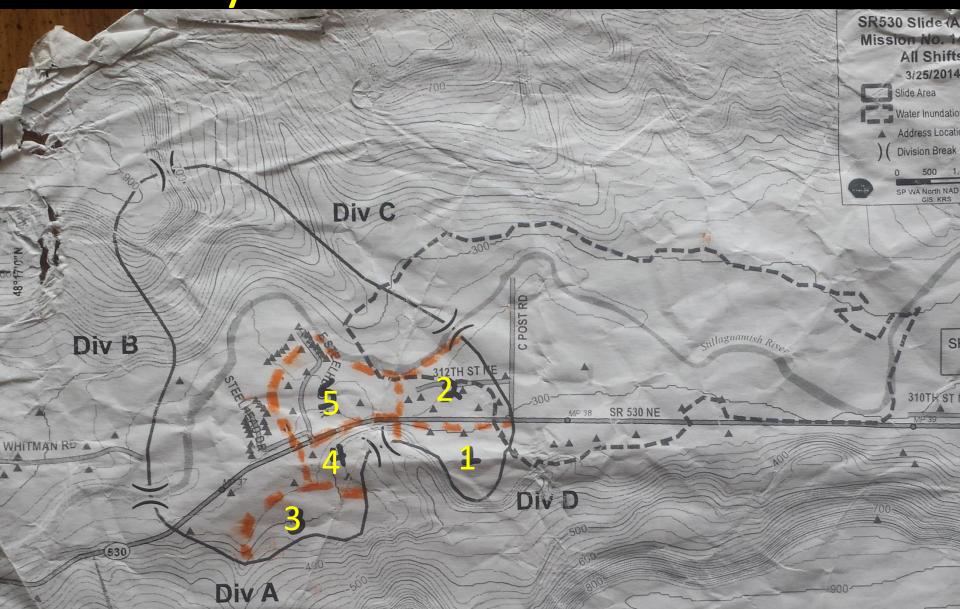
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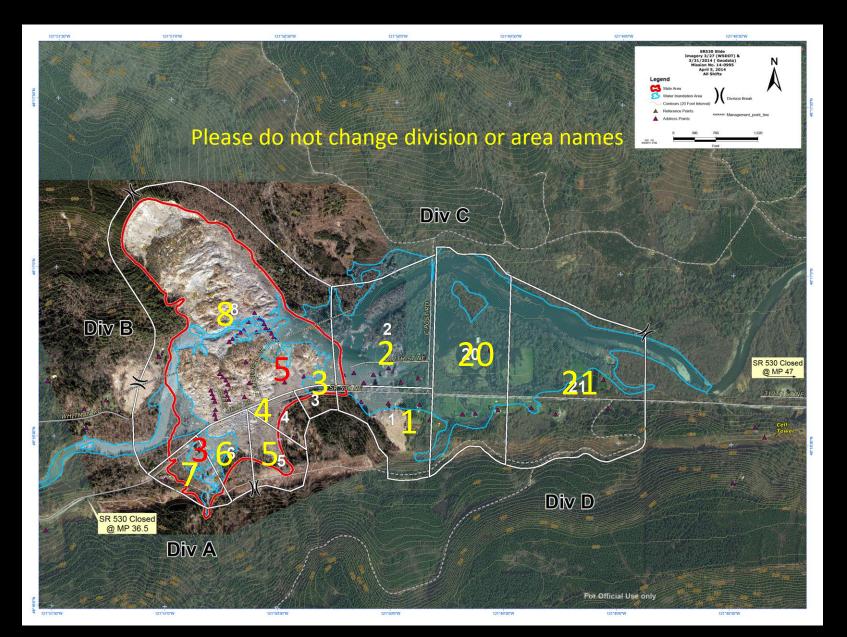
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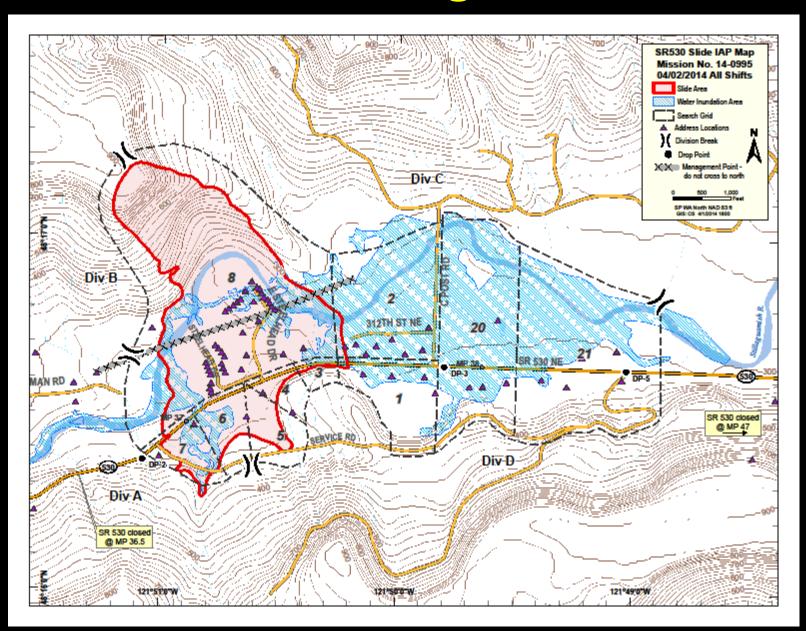
Early Search Area Boundaries



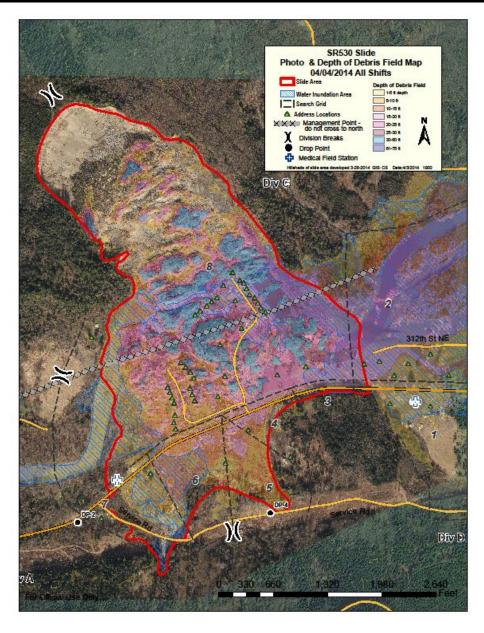
### Search Area Changes



# Search Planning - Access



# Search Planning – Material Depth



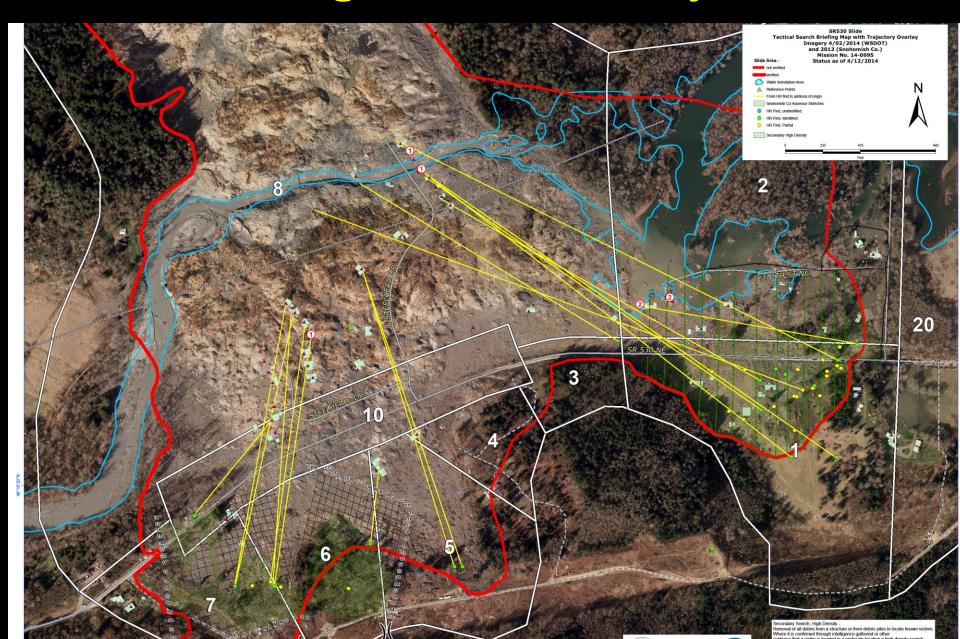
### Search Planning

- Initial Access was on leading edge of debris flow by chance
- Initial Finds were on leading edge of debris flow
- Housing material was primarily observed at leading edge
- Soil & water conditions prohibited extensive travel further out
- Geologists eventually guided search toward edge where the trees were at
- Thought was the houses were pushed in front
- Behavior can be likened to an avalanche debris on the leading edge

#### Initial Effort to Determine Trajectories

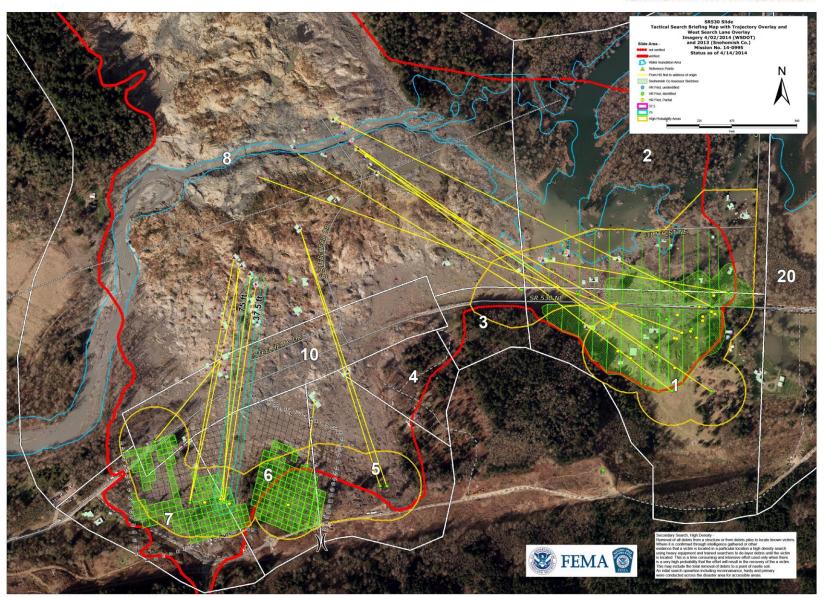
- If we can figure out who the victim we found was, we can tie them back to where they came from and predict where to focus our search
- Initially done manually through connections with law enforcement agencies – tying license plates to property owners
- Later done with HR information via ME

### Incident Organization - Trajectories

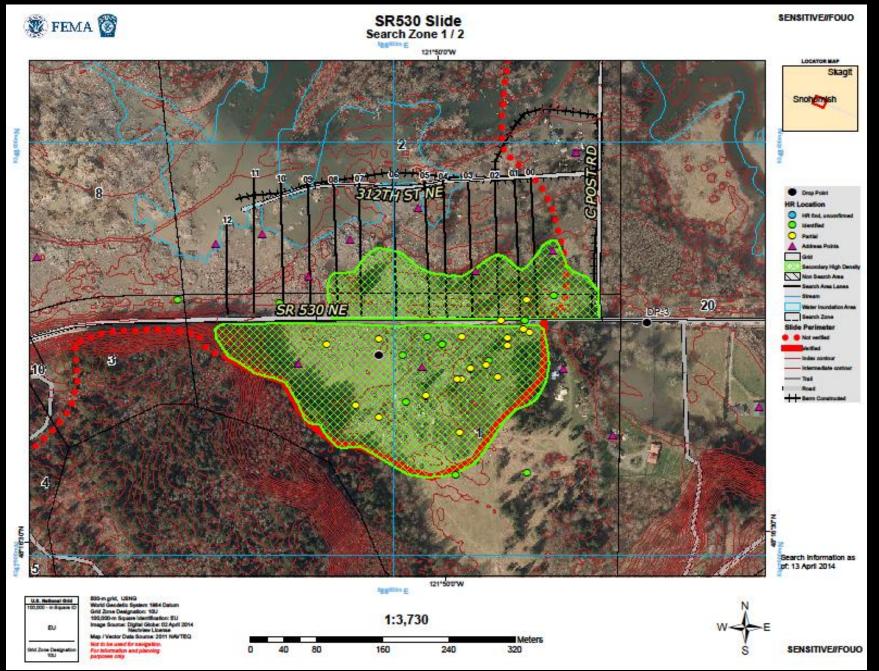


## Search Operations - Planning

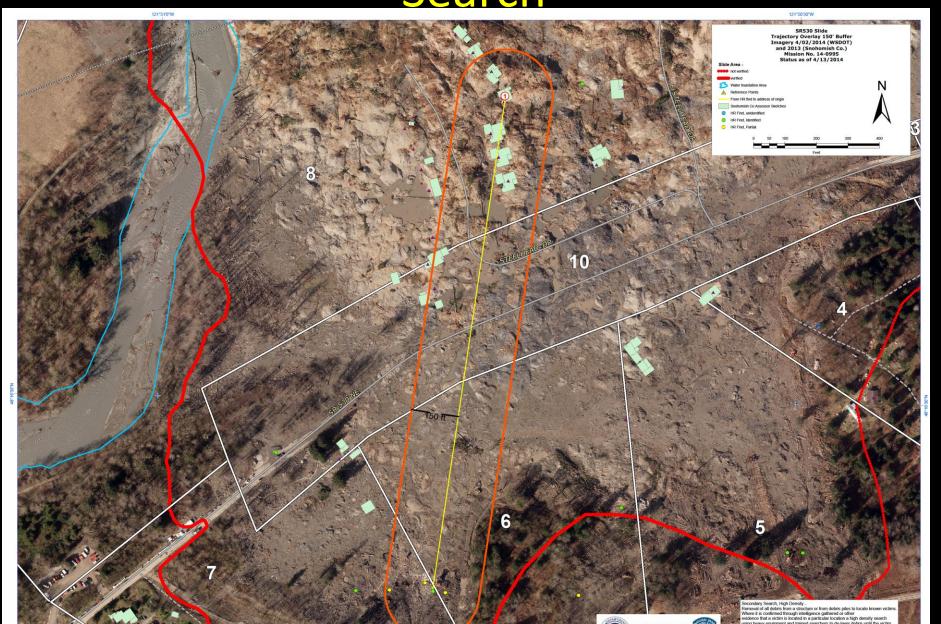
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#### Search Operations Planning High Density



# Incident Organization – Focusing the Search



### Documentation

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# Documentation – GPS Downloads



### **Documentation - GPS**



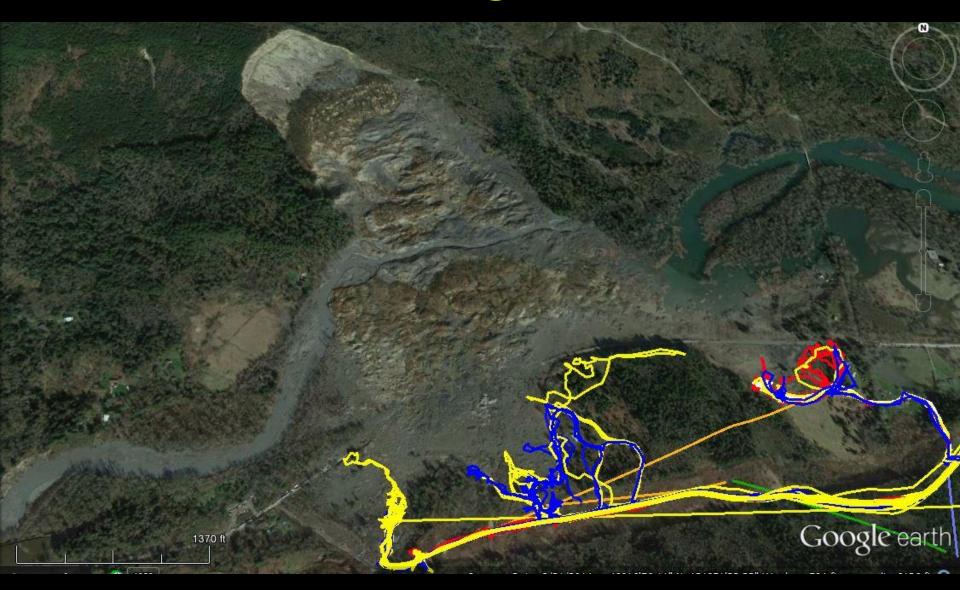
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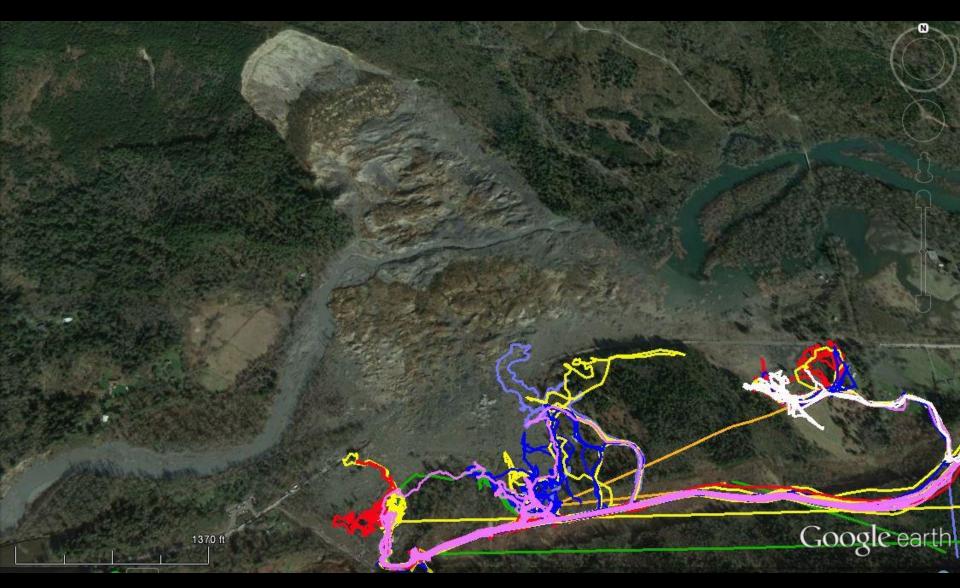
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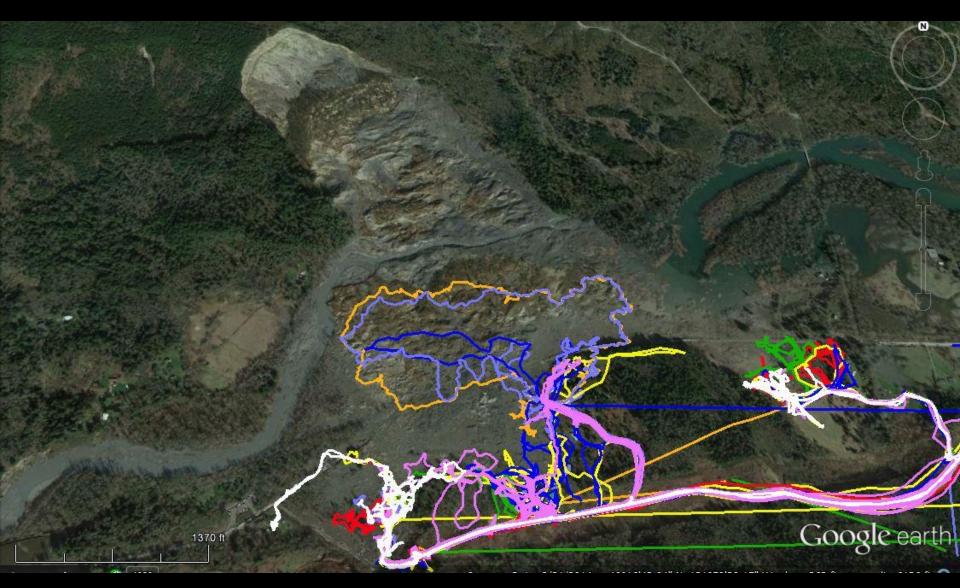
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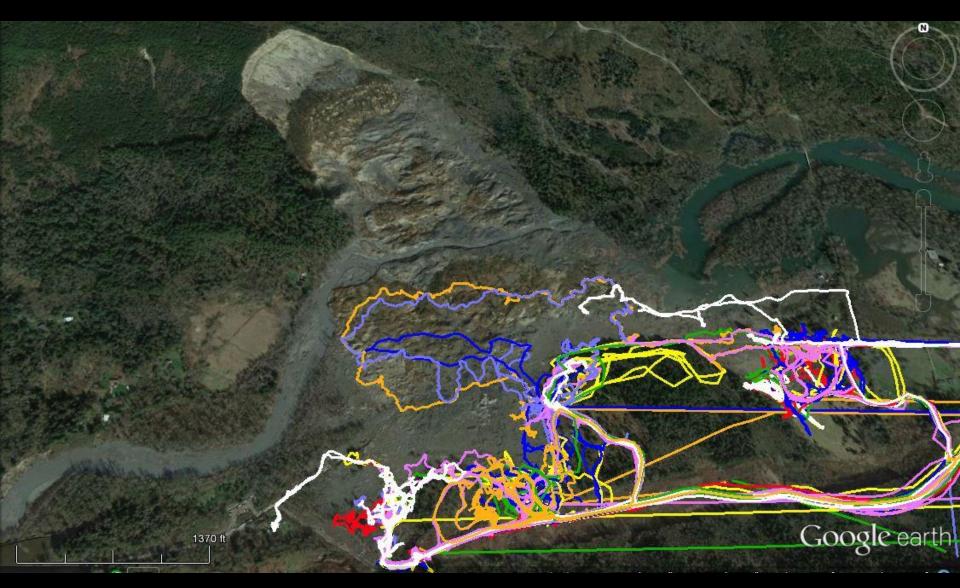
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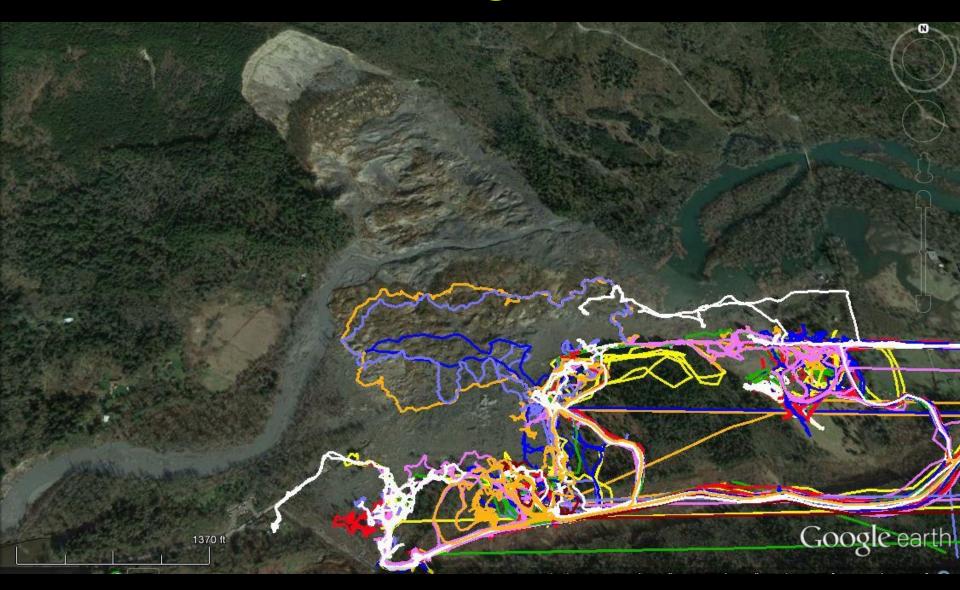


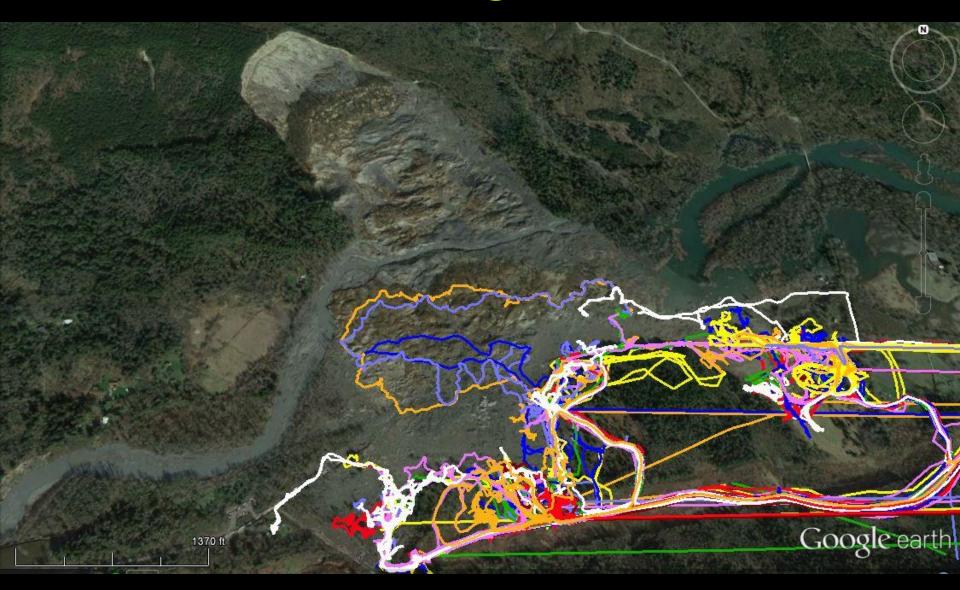


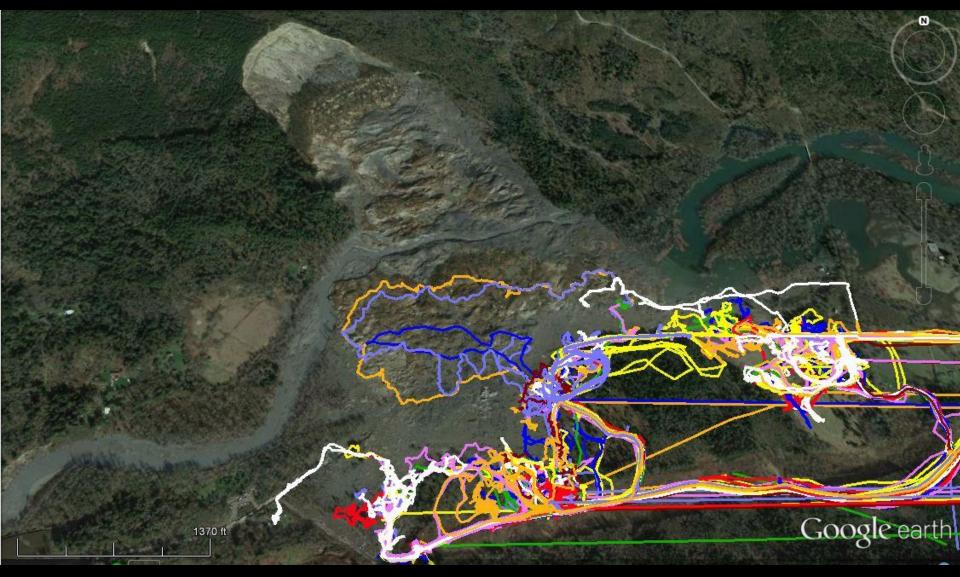


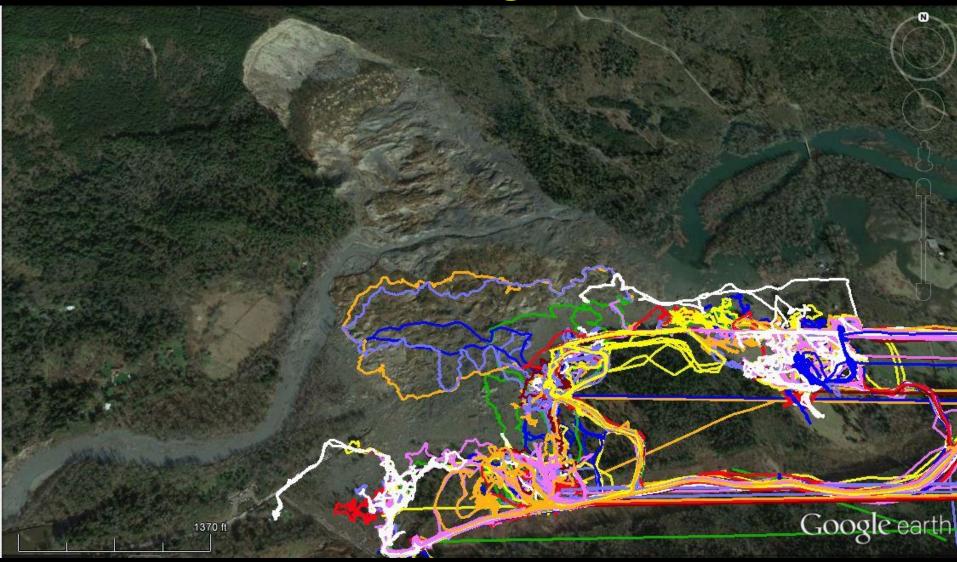


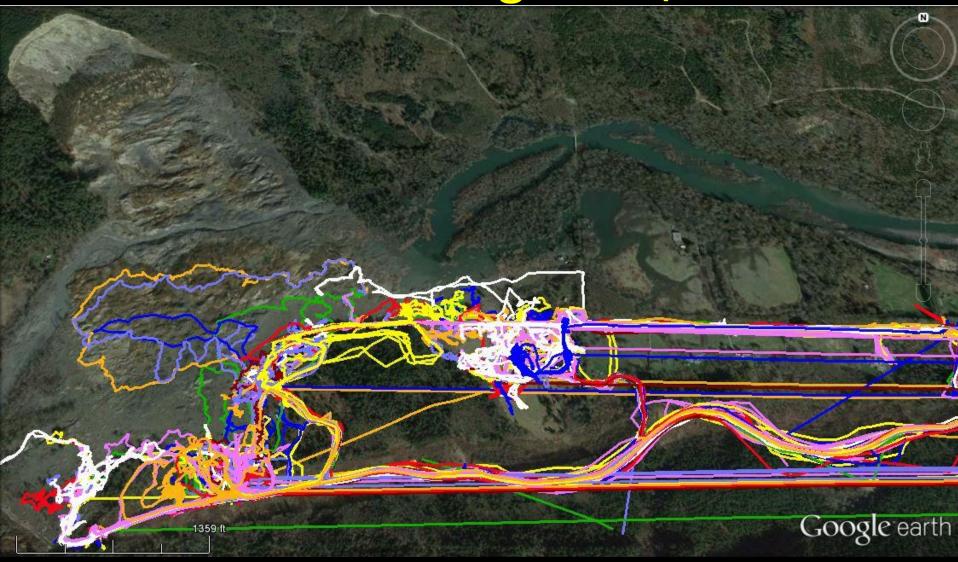


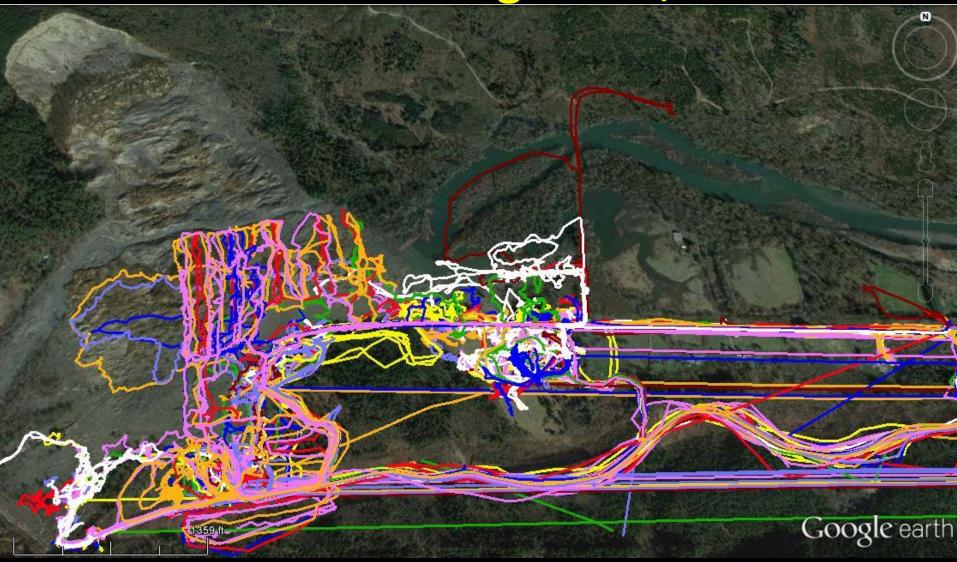


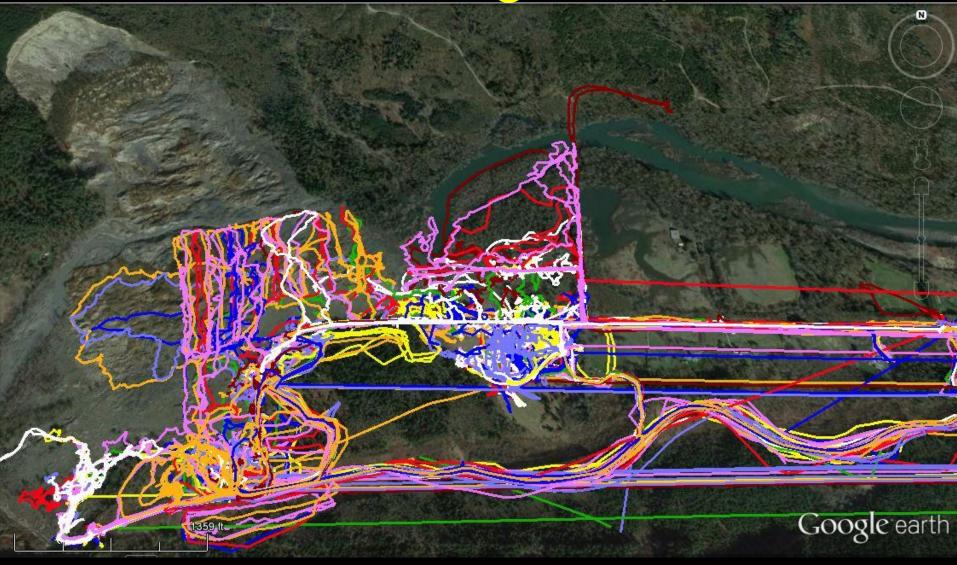


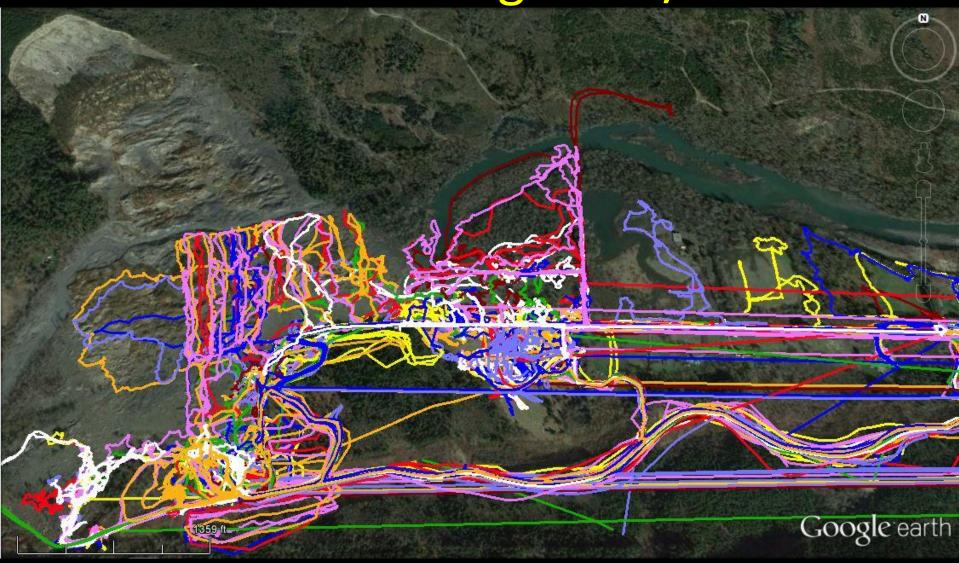


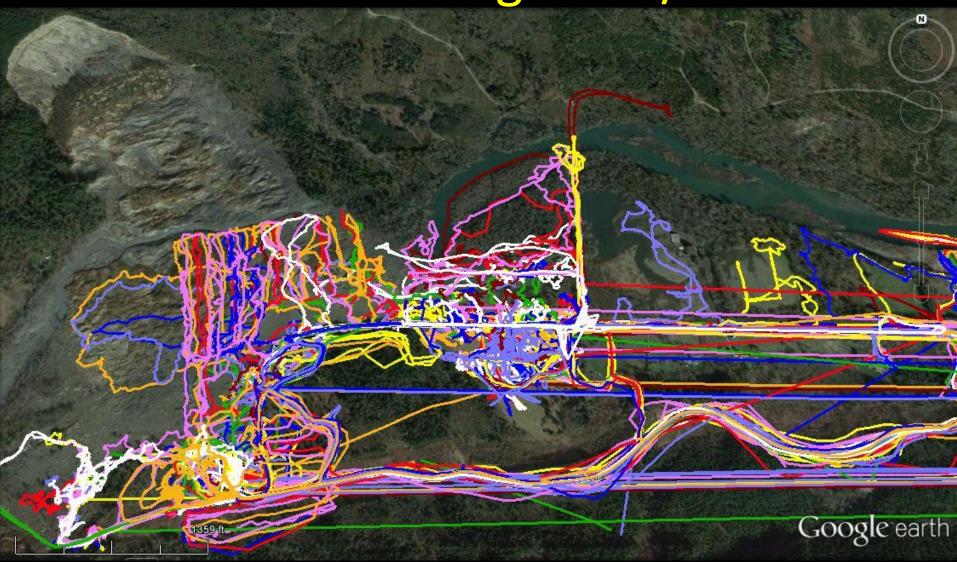


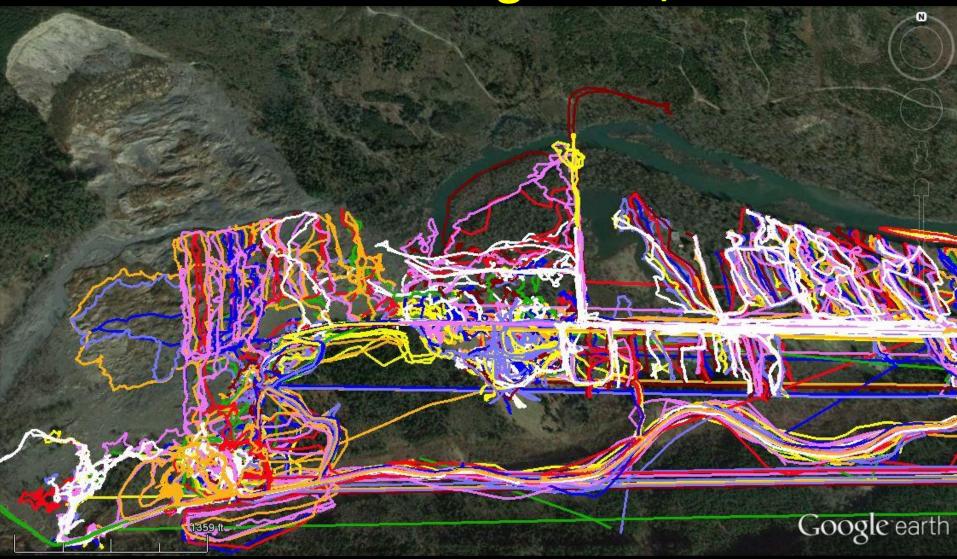


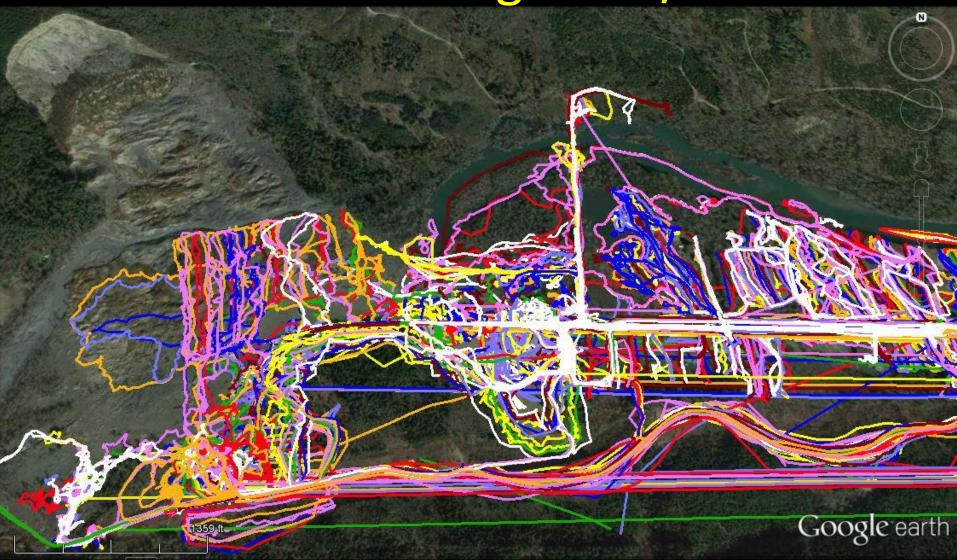




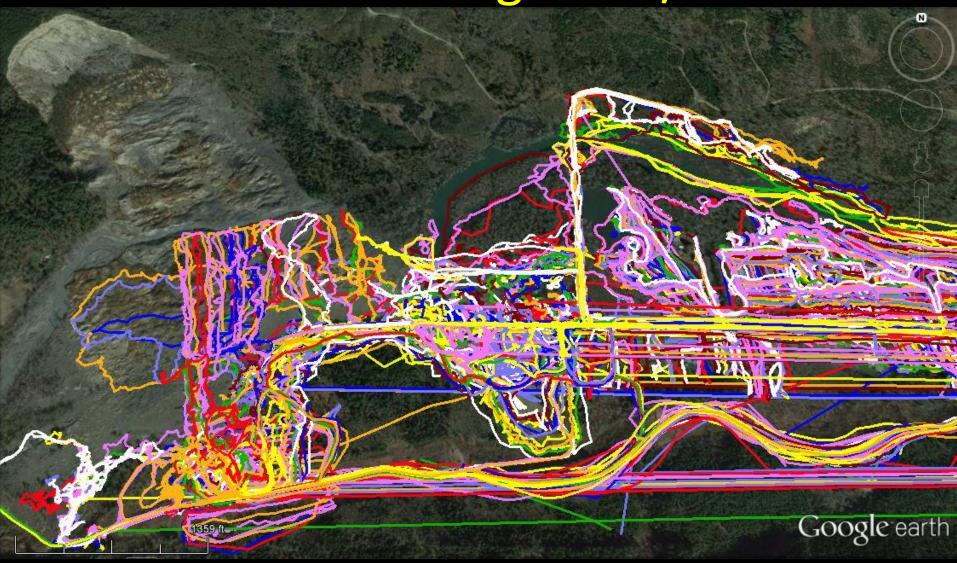


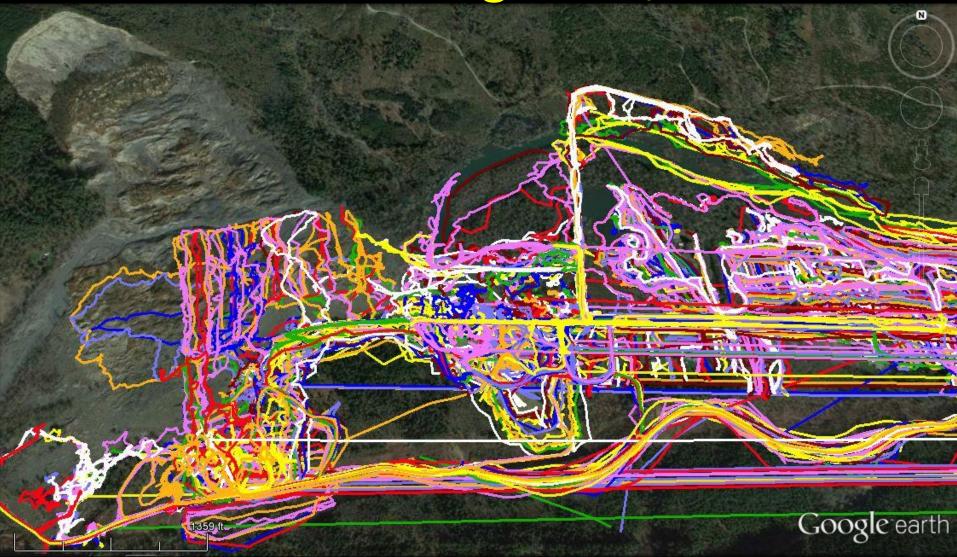


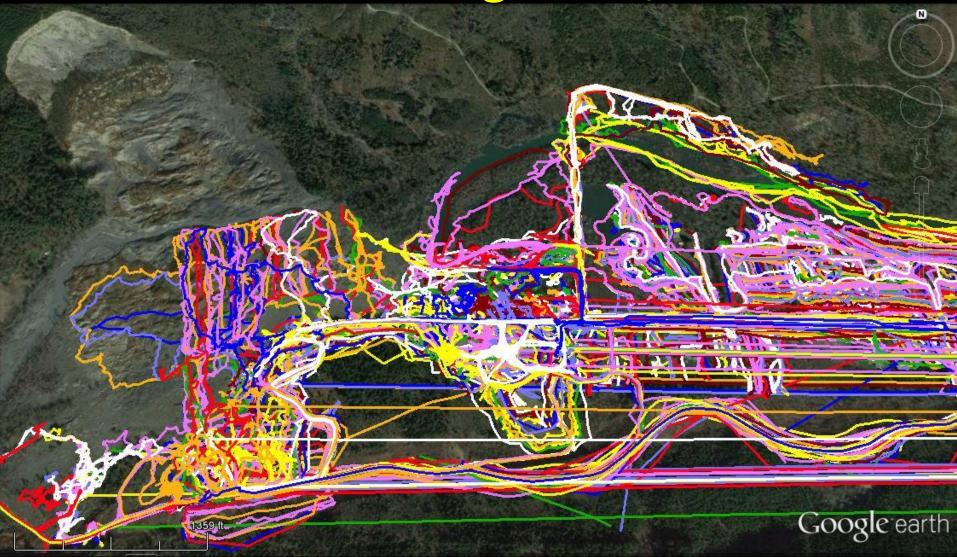


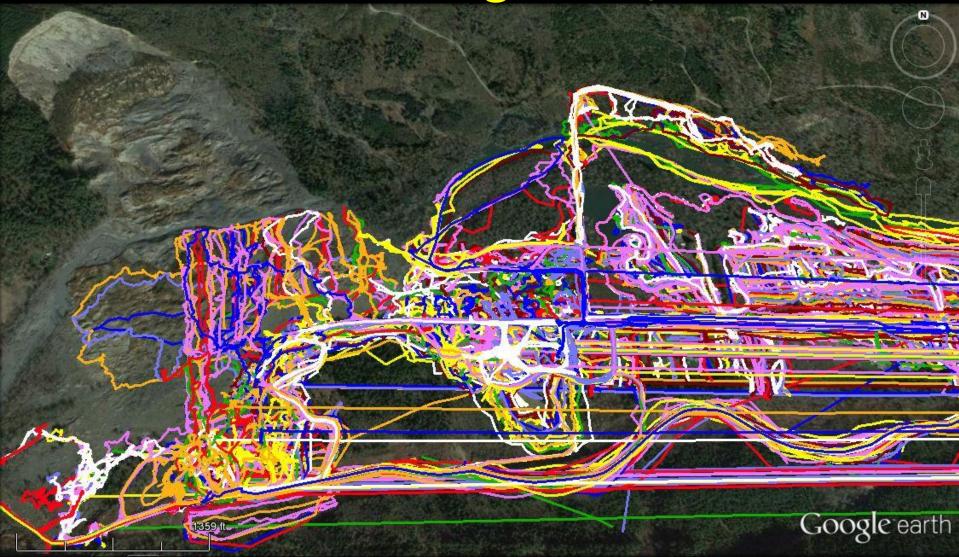




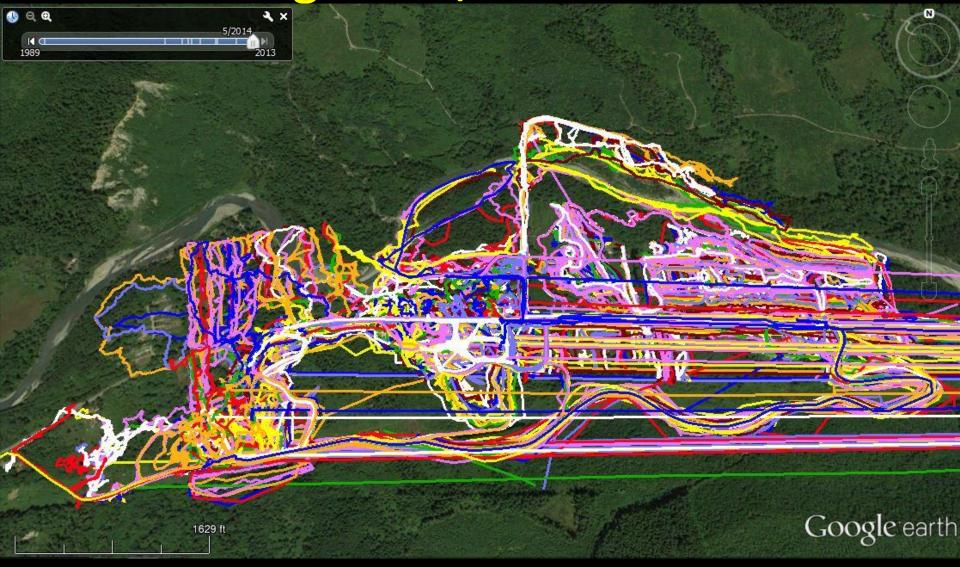








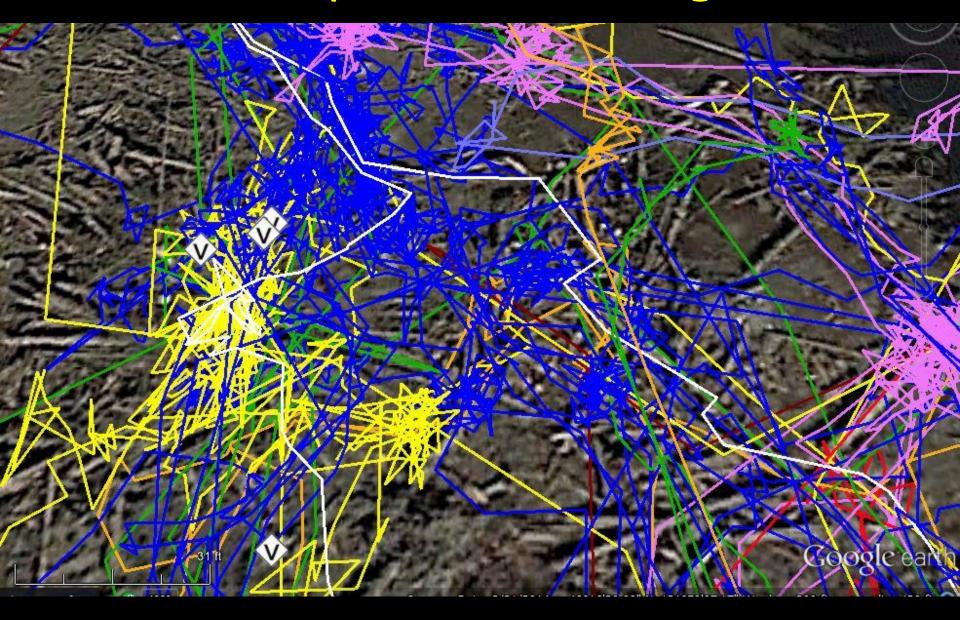
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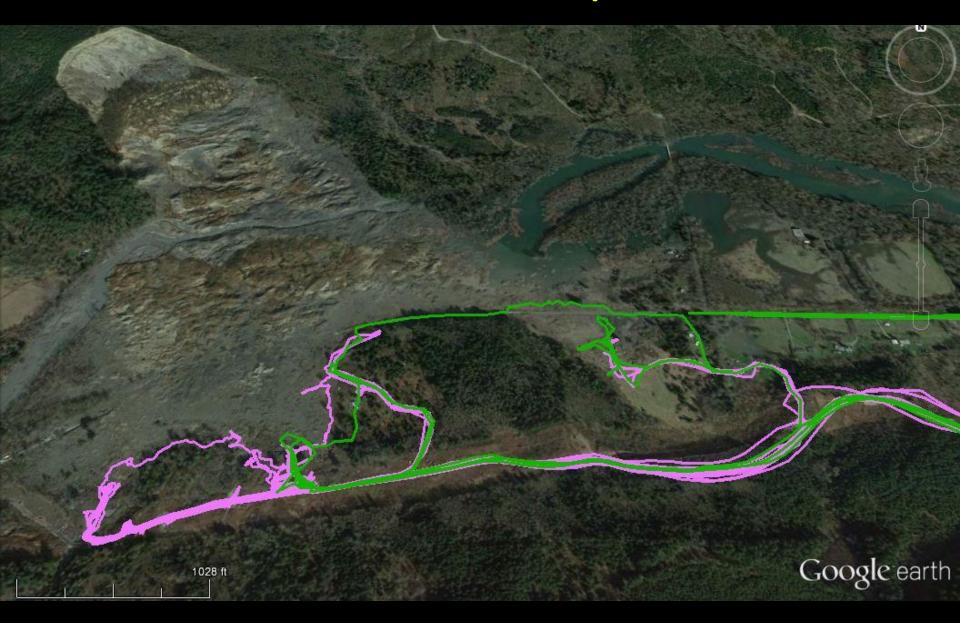
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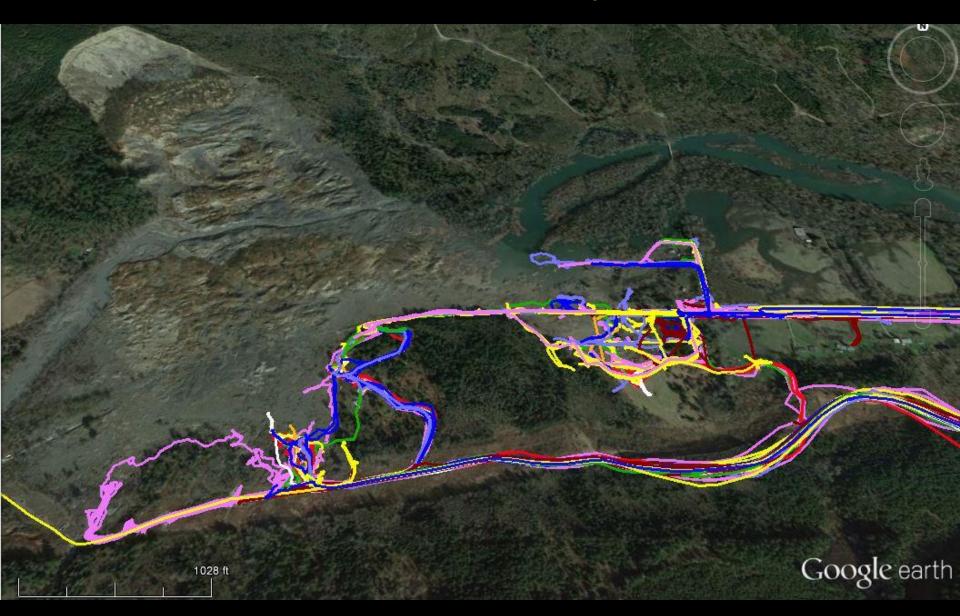
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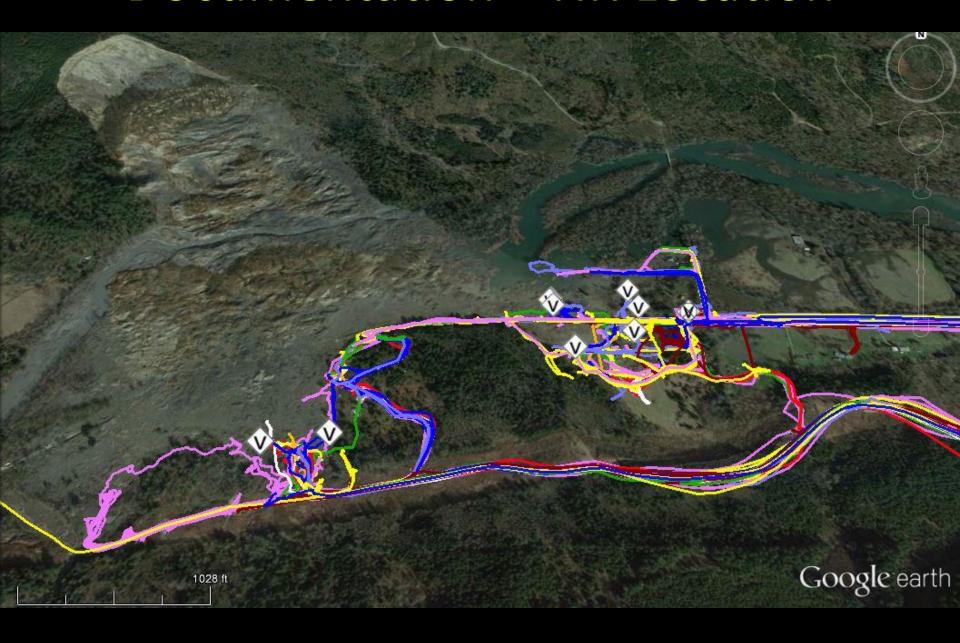
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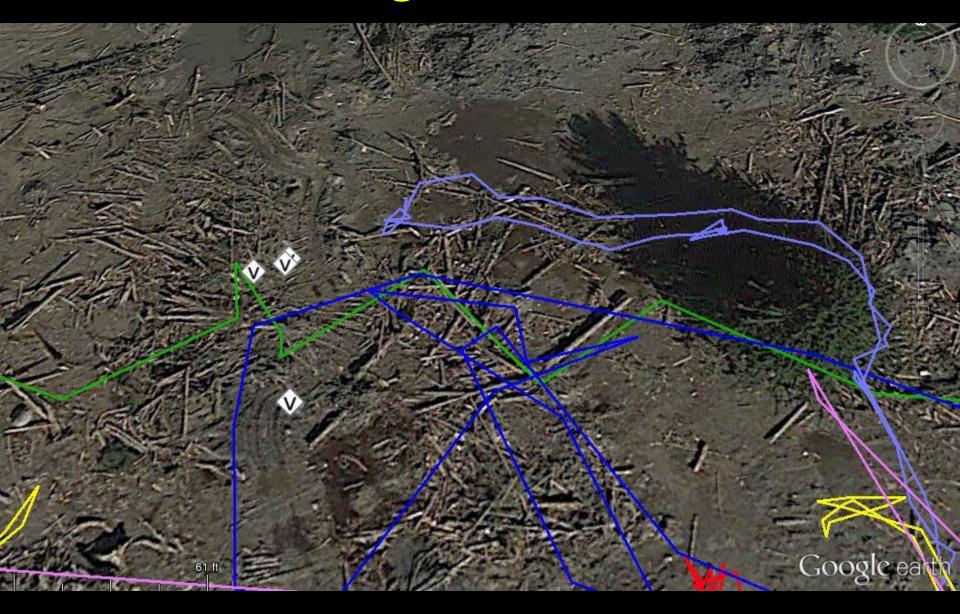
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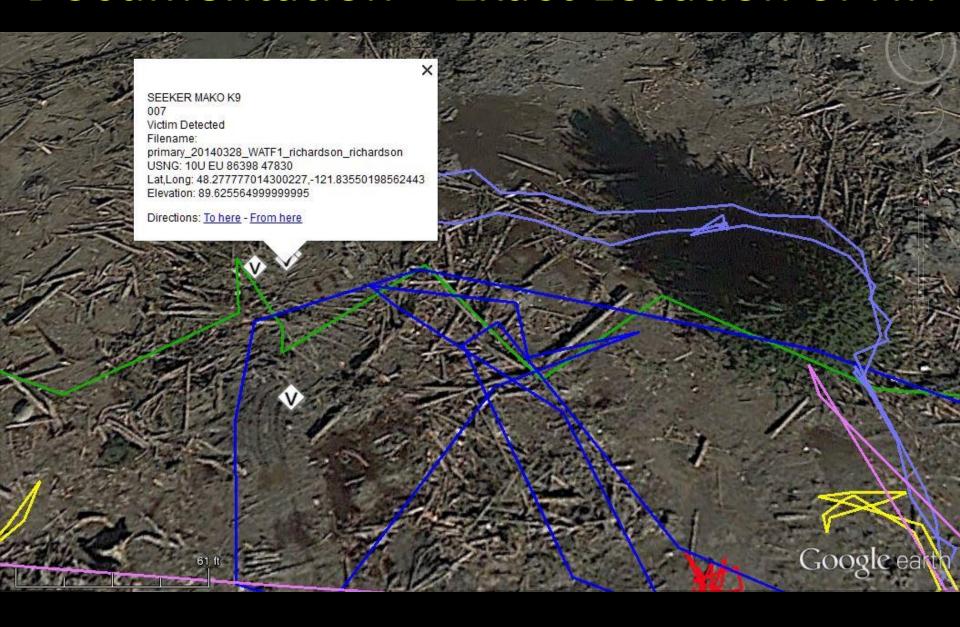
#### Documentation – HR Location



# Returning to HR Location



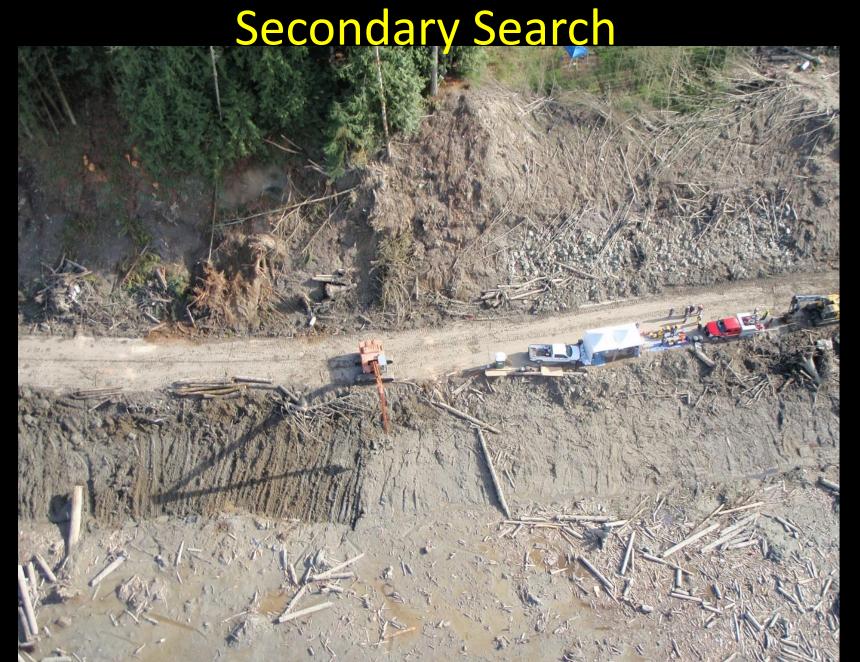
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#### High Density Secondary Searches

**Using Heavy Equipment** 

Search Operations – High Density



# High Density Secondary Search



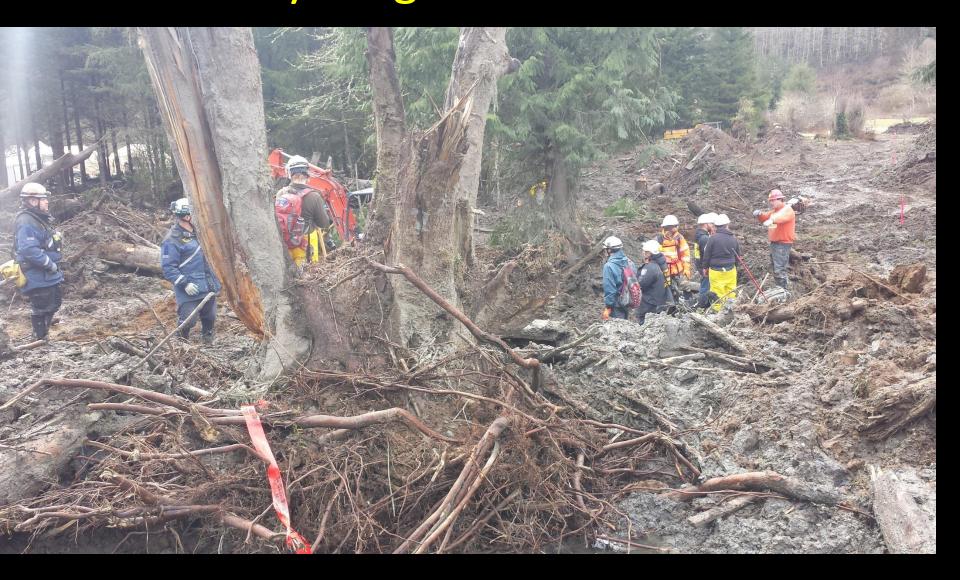
### **High Density Secondary Searches**



# Search Operations – Search Area 7



#### Manual delayering of areas with known HR



#### Public / Private Partnerships

# Public – Private Partnerships



Public – Private Partnerships

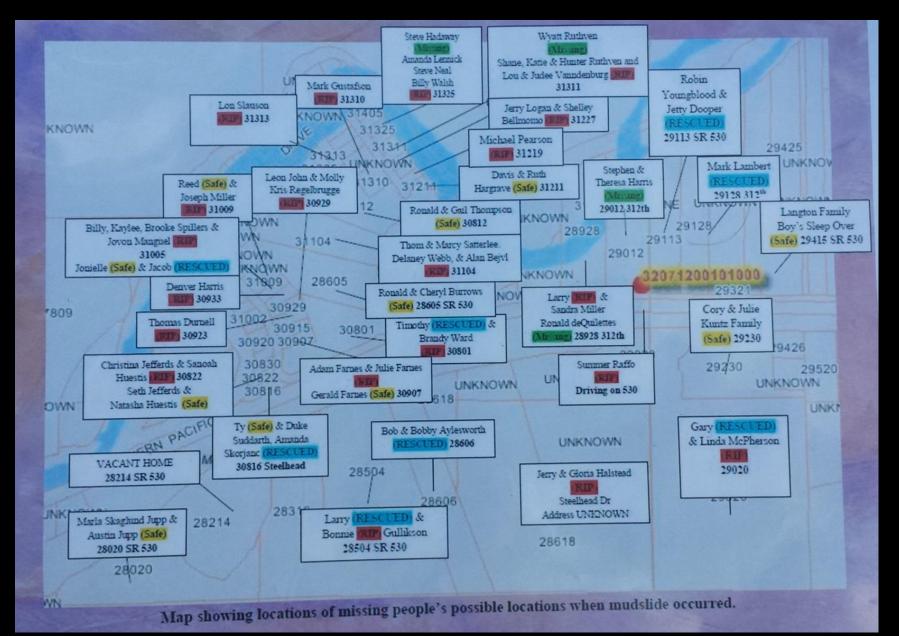
Making Friends



# Encourage Helping Behavior By Civilians

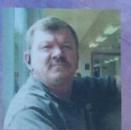
- In a disaster, local resources are overwhelmed
- Citizens are no longer "Bystanders" they are first responders
- We should not 'rope off' scenes if we do not have the capability to render assistance
- Civilians were a critical part of this response and were responsible for numerous saves & victim recoveries
- Need a plan to share intelligence with civilians

#### Intelligence – Community Partners



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#### 11 RESCUED, 37 FOUND DECEASED, 6 PEOPLE STILL MISSING FROM MUDSLIDE OSO, WA



(Missing) 31325 Steelhead



Ronald deQuilettes (Missing) 28928 312<sup>th</sup> St



(FOUND RIP) 28504 State Route 530



Billy, Kaylee (5), Brooke (2) Spillers & Jovon (Jojo) Mangual (13) \*\*FOUND RIP 31005 Steelhead



Sandy Miller (Missing) 28928 312<sup>th</sup> St



Steve Harris (Missing) 20912 312th St



Theresa Harris (Missing) 20912 312th St



TECHTID - RIP 31310 Steelhead



(Missing)
Shane, Katie, & Hunter (6) Ruthven;
Lewis & Judee Vaandenburg
FOUND RIP
31307 Steelhead



Denver Harris \*\*IFOURIL - RIP 30933 Steelhead



Christina Jefferds
\*(FCREAD - RIF)
30822 Steelhead



Sanoah Huestis 4 months (FOUND - RIF) 30822 Steelhead



Thom & Marcy Satterlee



Alan Bejvi & Delaney Webb



Lon Slauson (FOURID - RIP) 31313 Steelhead

### Intelligence – Community Partners





Julie Farnes



30801 Steelhead



Adam Farnes FOUND - RIP 30907 Steelhead









Leon John & Molly Kris Regelbrugge 30929 Steelhead



Steve Neal

Jerry Halstead Steelhead

Gloria Halstead Steelhead

Michael W. Pearson FOUND RIP 31227 E Steelhead



Joseph Miller 31009 Steelhead



Linda McPherson 29020 SR 530



Shelley Bellomo & Gerald "Jerry" Logan 31227 E Steelhead

#### 11 RESCUED 4/22/14

Amanda Skorjanc Duke Suddarth **Timothy Ward** Mark Lambert Larry Gullikson Robin Youngblood Jetty Dooper **Jacob Spillers** Gary McPherson **Bob & Bobby Aylesworth** 

William (Billy) Welsh 31325 Steelhead

#### Volunteer Management



#### One Incident with Unvetted Vounteer

- WSP indicated man with dog who claimed to be a trained K9 handler was photographing and posting on line
- He vacated camp and was not located

# Handling of Human Remains

#### Handling HR

- No ME on site when HR discovered
- Initial orders to leave partial HR in the field were renegotiated
- Initially all evacuations of HR by helicopter from the East
- Family/volunteers allowed to assist in recovery with TF assistance
- HR Handling Protocol Established
  - All partial HR treated as a whole body, based on 9/11 experience where >40% never recovered
  - All HR in a blue body bag (partial can be bagged in smaller bag first)
  - Tag with GPS location, gender, race, hair color, approx. age
  - Stop work in place (long air horn) during removal (hats off)
  - Transported to LZ (initially by Ops, then by FSRT)
  - Helicopter pick if an inaccessible area (due to conditions) otherwise helicopter load via LZ
  - Return to work after HR left work zone
  - Trucked out end of day after road put through

# Colorado FSRT (Fatality Search & Recovery Team) Assisted after approx. 10 days



### HR – FSRT Refer Trailer





#### Difficulties with Partial HR

- When encountering tissue, organs, muscle
- Was it from a freezer (bear, elk, deer), a pet, farm animal or human
- Run K9 to see if alert on HR
- Use Team MD to help assess, but...
  - They don't send anyone to medical school to determine whether a muscle is human or nonhuman

#### Time for Remembrance











### Hazards & Mitigation





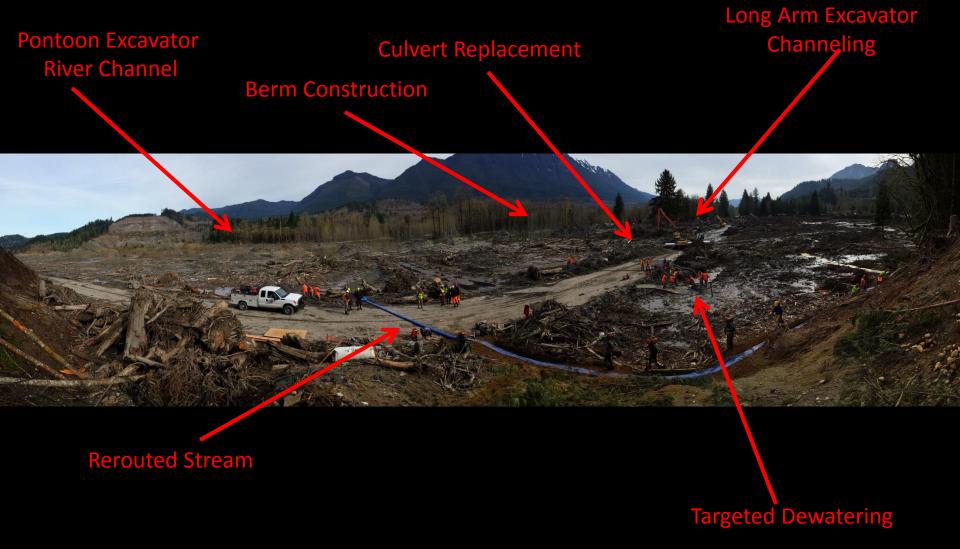






## Dewatering

#### Hazard Mitigation – Water Management



### Hazard Mitigation – Digging Ditches



### Hazard Mitigation – Rerouting Streams



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#### Hazard Mitigation – Water Management



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### Hazard Mitigation – Berm Building



### Planking & Punchin'

### Hazard Mitigation - Planking



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### Hazard Mitigation – Punchin'



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#### Hazardous Materials

#### Hazardous Materials Presumed Present

- Raw Sewage
- Household Haz Mats
- Oil, fuel, fluids from vehicles & power equipment
- PCB Transformer Oil
- Propane Tanks

 Dilution by large volume of dirt & water helped, but...

#### Hazardous Materials Mitigation

- 8 Haz Mat Technicians on Task Force
- All spotters briefed on spotting potential HM
- Containers removed to isolated storage area
- EPA assisted with removal of HM
- PSE assisted with removal of transformers
- Decon Established on both sides

## Hazard Mitigation – Haz Mats



### Decon - Supplies



# Gross Decon – Boot Wash



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### Technical Decon - Personnel



# Technical Decon – K9



## Decon - Vehicle



## **Highly Complex Incident**

### Traffic Hazards

- Significant road building operation >= 4,000 dump truck loads
  - Power line road for access
  - Created dump truck v. Gator & small vehicle risk of collision

- Mitigated by:
  - Widening Road
  - Creating turnouts
  - Use of traffic flaggers

# Heavy Equipment & Logging Style Operations

### Example: Resources assigned 4/13/14

- Search Area 1
  - Rescue Manager (1)
  - Search Manager (1)
  - Rescue squad of 6 (1)
  - Structures Specialist (1)
  - Heavy Rigger (1)
  - Haz Mat Specialist (3)
  - Excavators (5)
  - K9 Teams (8)
  - Safety (1)
- Search Area 2
  - Rescue Manager (1)
  - Rescue Squad of 6 (2)
  - Heavy Rigger (1)
  - Haz Mat Spec (2)
  - Sawyer Crews (3)
  - National Guard (33)
  - Excavators (8)
  - Shovels (2)
  - Forwarder (1)

- Skidder (1)
- Quarry Dumps (5)
- Marsh Masters (3)
- Swamp Boats (1)
- Excavator Long Arm (1)
- Excavator Pontoon (1)
- Search Area 6,7
  - Rescue squad of 6 (1)
  - Search Manager (1)
  - K9 Teams (10)
  - Haz Mat Specialist (2)
  - Boeing Haz Mat (8)
  - Safety (1)
  - AmeriCorps Volunteers (10)
  - National Guard (15)
  - Sawyer Crews (2)
  - Excavators (17)
  - Quarry Dumps (2)

### Incident Complexity – Heavy Equipment



# **Incident Complexity - Shovels**



# Incident Complexity – Log Forwarder



# Incident Complexity – Quarry Dump



### Incident Complexity – Skidders & LMTV &...



### Heavy Equipment Mitigation

- Proper Span of Control
  - Use TFLs to supervise
    - Task Force
    - Heavy Equipment
    - Dewatering
    - Volunteers
- Create separation search areas divided into lanes 100' wide in East
- Limit exposure (only essential personnel in field)
- Positive Communications (use of spotters with radio communications)

### Incident Complexity – Heavy Equipment



### Limit Exposure – Only Essential Spotters



### **Water Operations**

### **Incident Complexity – Water Operations**



# Incident Complexity – Marsh Master



### Incident Complexities – Dive Operations



### Water Hazard Mitigation

- Water rescue assets in place
  - Task force John boats
  - Marsh Masters (3)
  - Hovercraft
  - Swift water assets (CA-TF7)
  - Dive rescue
  - Helicopter pick capability

# Incident Complexity – Water Operations Water Rescue Assets



### Personnel

### Incident Complexity - Personnel



#### **Limited Span of Control**

- Mitigated by close supervision
- Communication

# Air Operations

### **Incident Complexities - Helicopters**



#### Air Branch

- Primary hazard was low flying helicopters over work & camp areas
- Some tents blown down
  - Person knocked out of bunk
- Door thrown by air blast struck volunteer in head
- Mitigation efforts
  - Air Branch Rep on ground
  - Air Branch Supervisors
  - No Fly Zone
  - Establish altitude limits over camp and work zones
  - Communicate

# **Secondary Slides**



### Hazard Mitigation – Engineers Outlook



### **Medical Concerns**

- Trip & Fall Hazards
- Drowning hazards
- Falling Trees
- Power equipment
- Heavy Equipment
- Traffic Collisions
- Exertion
- Hypothermia
- Hyperthermia
- Infection
- Aches & pains

### Facilities – Division 4 Medical & Staging



# Facilities – Search Area 1, 2 Staging – Medical & Warming Tent



# Facilities – Search Area 1, 2 Staging



### Veterinary Care – K9

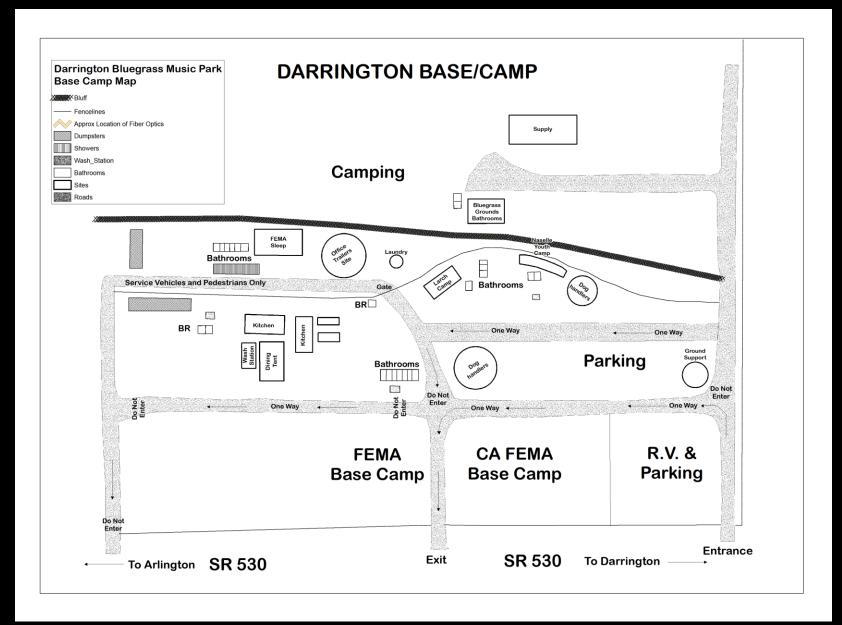
- Worn out pads
- Hypothermia (>42 cases)
- Fatigue

# Logistics

#### Base Camp – Darrington Bluegrass Music Park



### Base Camp



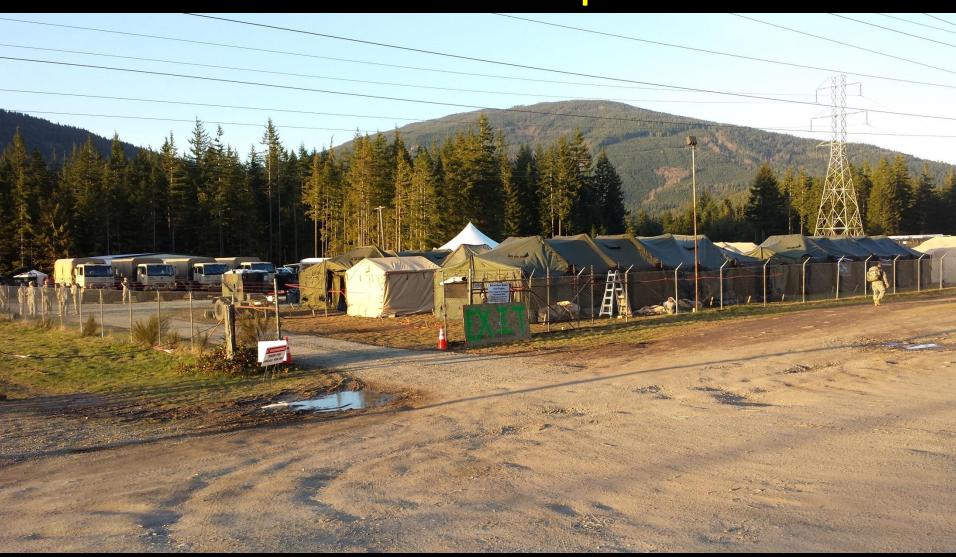
# Base Camp – WA-TF1



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### Facilities – Task Force Briefing Tent



### Base Camp – DNR Type I Food Unit



## Base Camp – Chow Hall



#### Communications



- Task Force Repeaters
- Incident Repeaters
- FEMA MERS
- Interoperability Concerns
  - Federal and local responders not on same radios (Federal prohibits use of encrypted system by locals)

### Facilities – Forward Equipment Cache



### Additional Lessons Learned

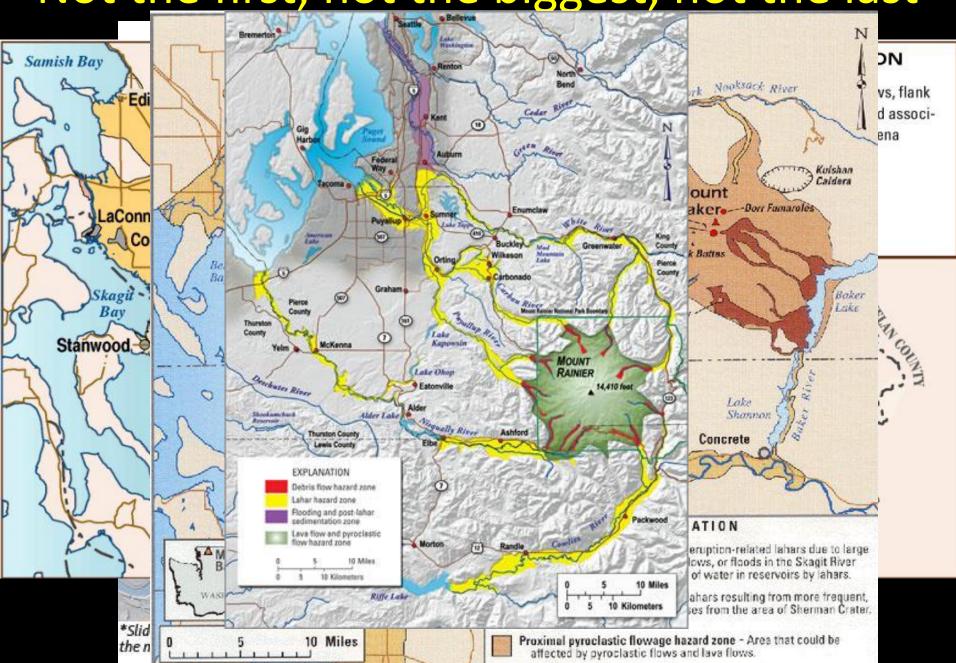
Embrace & Develop New Technologies



#### Consider Disaster Apps for Handhelds

- Victims can self report needs
- Volunteers can self report capabilities
- Incident managers can match help to the needs facilitated by the app

Not the first, not the biggest, not the last



### Spend Time with Family & Friends

Take Time to do the things you love

Enjoy every day....





#### Questions?

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